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E.O. 12065:    GDS 5/7/86 (CLARK, WILLIAM) OR-P  
TAGS:    PGOV, MILI, KS  
SUBJECT:    ROKG SHIFTS SPECIAL FORCES UNITS

1.    ~~(S)~~ ENTIRE TEXT.

2.    ROK MILITARY HAS ADVISED U.S. COMMAND OF FOLLOWING  
TROOP MOVEMENTS FOR CONTINGENCY PURPOSES.    ON MAY 8 THE  
13TH SPECIAL FORCES BRIGADE, NOW IN THE COMBINED FIELD  
ARMY (CFA) AREA, WILL BE MOVED TO THE SPECIAL WARFARE  
CENTER SOUTHEAST OF SEOUL FOR TEMPORARY DUTY.    ON MAY 10  
THE 11TH SPECIAL FORCES BRIGADE, NOW IN THE FIRST RE-  
PUBLIC OF KOREA ARMY (FROKA) AREA, WILL BE MOVED TO THE  
KIMPO PENINSULA AND CO-LOCATED FOR TEMPORARY DUTY WITH  
THE FIRST SPECIAL FORCES BRIGADE.    THESE TWO BRIGADES,  
IN TOTAL ABOUT 2500 PEOPLE, ARE BEING MOVED TO THE SEOUL  
AREA TO COPE WITH POSSIBLE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS.

3.    U.S. COMMAND ALSO ALERTED TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT  
THE FIRST ROK MARINE DIVISION IN POHANG MIGHT BE NEEDED  
IN THE TAEJON/PUSAN AREA.    FIRST MARINE DIVISION IS  
OPCON TO CFC AND U.S. APPROVAL WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR  
MOVEMENT.    THERE HAS BEEN NO REQUEST FOR SUCH APPROVAL  
YET, BUT CINCUNC WOULD AGREE IF ASKED.

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4.    CLEARLY ROK MILITARY IS TAKING SERIOUSLY STUDENTS'  
STATEMENTS THAT THEY WILL RALLY OFF CAMPUS ON MAY 15 IF  
MARTIAL LAW IS NOT LIFTED BEFORE THAT DATE.    GLEYSTEN

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